

**Department of Developmental Services -
DDS Affordable Housing Project Grant Recipients
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CAPACITY BUILDING (Grants to develop affordable housing resources for persons with developmental disabilities)

1. Coalition for Housing, Accessibility, Needs, Choices,
& Equality (CHANCE) / Santa Barbara
Project Location: Santa Barbara County
Award: \$75,000
Supporting Regional Center: Tri-Counties Regional Center

CHANCE will provide educational and resource information for persons with developmental disabilities and their families regarding options for acquiring affordable housing. In addition, bridge funding will be provided for consumers to acquire rental housing while awaiting Section 8 voucher approval.

2. Community Housing Resources, Inc. / Santa Ana
Project Location: Orange County
Award: \$45,000
Supporting Regional Center - Regional Center of Orange County

Community Housing Resources, Inc. will create a database of property owners that will accept Section 8 vouchers and a list of wheelchair accessible apartments. Housing information will be available via the Internet for those assisting persons with developmental disabilities to acquire affordable housing.

3. Easter Seals of Southern California (ESSC) / Van Nuys
Project Location: Los Angeles County
Award \$75,000
Supporting Regional Center(s) - Inland Regional Center

Fannie Mae approved home ownership counseling & education will be available to regional center consumers, including Home Buyers Training Certification classes. Coordination of affordable housing funding sources will be offered by experienced housing counselors. Bilingual counselors and curriculum will be available.

4. Housing Choices Coalition (HCC) / Santa Clara
Project Location: Santa Clara & Monterey Counties
Award: \$75,000
Supporting Regional Center - San Andreas Regional Center

HCC will expand their services to Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. The project will include a housing information registry and collaborations with housing developers and government representatives to build affordable housing in one of California's most expensive housing markets.

5. Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB) / Oakland
Project Location: Alameda & Contra Costa Counties
Award: \$75,000
Supporting Regional Center - Regional Center of the East Bay

HCEB will employ an Executive Director after several successful years of operation and it will use a diverse group of consumer, family and professional volunteers to create affordable housing for persons with developmental disabilities residing in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. HCEB housing strategies include: 1) collaborating with housing developers to get housing units set aside for regional center consumers with rents set at 30% of their income; 2) producing publications that describe housing options and distributing materials to consumers, families, services providers, developers, local housing authorities, city planners; and 3) participating in local and statewide affordable housing planning efforts.

6. Resources for Rural Community Development, Inc. (RRCD) / Redding
Project Location: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama & Trinity Counties
Award \$50,000
Supporting Regional Center - Far Northern Regional Center

RRCD will educate government entities on the housing needs of persons with developmental disabilities. RRCD will also increase availability of resources that assist housing providers to make home ownership opportunities available in nine Northern California counties for regional center consumers. A follow-up support program will be created to include home care, maintenance, and counseling for consumers who have purchased their own homes.

HOUSING PRODUCTION (purchasing and building houses or apartments)

7. Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment, Inc. (HOPE) / Torrance
Project Location: Los Angeles County
Award: \$15,000

HOPE housing will serve one consumer by adding a bedroom, bathroom, and laundry room to a house HOPE owns. Rents will be set at 30% of consumers' income equaling an average of \$200 monthly in an area where comparable housing costs are approximately \$900 monthly.

8. Housing Choices Coalition (HCC) / Santa Clara
Project Location: Santa Clara County
Award: \$150,000

Housing Choices Coalition housing named "Life Services Alternative" (LSA) will be located in Santa Clara County, one of California's high priced housing markets. LSA's will be integrated into the area's new "Rivermark" community on the site of the closed West Campus of Agnews Developmental Center. Up to 15 regional center consumers with enduring medical needs will be able to acquire accessible housing in one of HCC'S three 3,800 sq. ft. homes, each including five separate apartment suites.

9. Resources for Rural Community Development / Redding
Project Location: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama & Trinity Counties
Award: \$140,000

Resources for Rural Community Development, Inc. (RRCD) will provide down payment assistance for consumers of Far Northern Regional Center who would like to purchase their own homes. RRCD collaborates with multiple agencies that are committed to providing mortgage loan packages that make it possible for consumers to purchase their own homes. Monthly mortgage payments (including principal, interest, taxes and insurance) will be set at 30-33% of consumers' income or approximately \$260 per month.

10. United Cerebral Palsy of Ventura and Los Angeles Counties / Van Nuys
Project Location: Santa Barbara County
Award: \$150,000

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) will build a 13 unit disability accessible apartment building, including nine one-bedroom and four two-bedroom apartments in Goleta, California. Housing will be available for up to 15 consumers with rents set at approximately \$150.00 per month. Market rents for a one bedroom apartment in Santa Barbara county are currently approximately \$900.00 per month.

11. North Bay Housing Coalition / Napa
Project Location: Sonoma County
Award: \$150,000

North Bay Housing Coalition will arrange for 5 affordable and accessible apartments in a 68-unit apartment complex in Santa Rosa built by Burbank Housing Development Corporation. Twelve North Bay Regional Center consumers will be able to become occupants with rents set at 30% of consumers' income for 55 years.

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